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July 6, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Find that the requested changes in work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes for the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000872 - Project No. 5241 Low Flow Diversion at Westchester, City of Los Angeles (4), Clarke Contracting Corporation, in amount of \$29,231.75.

Project ID No. RDC0014442 - Meyer Road at Laurel Avenue, vicinity of Santa Fe Springs (1), Steiny and Company, Inc., in amount of \$9,139.34.

Project ID No. WRD0000008 - Big Dalton Dam and Reservoir Debris Removal, vicinity of Glendora (5), Clarke Contracting Corporation, in amount of \$930,000.00.

Project ID No. WWD4004022 - Water Wells at Wells Sites 4-62, 4-65, 4-67, and 4-68, City of Lancaster (5), Bakersfield Well and Pump Co., in amount of \$13,400.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board approval for changes in public works contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure for each contract.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID No. RDC0014442.

Also enclosed for your authorization are changes in work in excess of my delegated limits which are required to complete Project ID Nos. FCC0000872, WRD0000008, and WWD4004022.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of these changes in work, which are necessary to satisfactorily complete the projects, is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since the improved infrastructure will better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated change order amounts for these contracts range from \$9,139.34 to \$930,000.00.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the requested changes. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of the subject contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes are based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each of the respective contracts and result in complete and usable facilities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000872, PROJECT NO. 5241 LOW FLOW DIVERSION AT WESTCHESTER (City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 4,  
Contractor: Clarke Contracting Corporation

Project Description:

Construction of a low flow diversion weir in an existing reinforced concrete box; reinforced concrete stormwater/sediment separator; and reinforced concrete sump with pumps, control system, and discharge pipes.

Changes in Work:

(1) Provide Temporary Power	\$27,000.00
(2) Modify Control Panel	<u>2,231.75</u>
Total	<u>\$29,231.75</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) In order to comply with a Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) permit, it will be necessary to provide around the clock temporary power to the DBH maintenance yard while the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power are working to provide power to the low flow control system. This work was not shown on the plans.

(2) To meet the intent of the design, it will be necessary to make some modifications to the telemetry unit in the control panel. This work was not shown on the plans.

The cost for Item 1 will be based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Three additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$329,570.00
Changes in work previously approved by your Board	140,302.61
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>29,231.75</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$499,104.36</u>

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CHANGE IN WORK (RATIFY)  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014442, MEYER ROAD AT LAUREL AVENUE  
(in the vicinity of Santa Fe Springs), Supervisorial District 1,  
Contractor: Steiny and Company, Inc.

Project Description:

Installation of traffic signals, striping, and pavement markings.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$6,139.34
(2) Exploratory Excavations	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,139.34</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It will be necessary to perform exploratory excavations near the intersection of Meyer Road and Laurel Avenue to determine the exact depth of underground utilities. This work is not shown on the plans.

The costs for Item 1 will be based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 is stipulated in the contract specifications.

No additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$77,939.04
Changes in work to be ratified	<u>9,139.34</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$87,078.38</u>

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CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)  
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PROJECT ID NO. WRD0000008, BIG DALTON DAM AND RESERVOIR DEBRIS  
REMOVAL (in the vicinity of Glendora), Supervisorial District 5,  
Contractor: Clarke Contracting Corporation

Project Description:

Removal of sediment within the reservoir.

Change in Work:

Excavate and Dispose of Sediment	\$930,000.00
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Description of Change:

The contract to remove debris from Big Dalton Reservoir was based on the estimated amount of debris contained in the reservoir following the 2002-03 storm season. Because of the amount of sediment in the reservoir, it was necessary to schedule the contract work over two years. During the past winter, additional sediment was deposited in the reservoir and must be removed in order to avoid decreasing the level of flood protection provided to the downstream community. Adding this work to the existing contract will be more economical than awarding a new contract since significant mobilization and dewatering costs will be avoided. The cost for this work will be based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Sixty additional working days will be required because of this change.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$5,486,160.00
Change in work previously approved by the Board	74,802.20
Change in work to be authorized	<u>930,000.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$6,490,962.20</u>

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CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)  
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PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004022, WATER WELLS AT WELL SITES 4-62, 4-65, 4-67, AND 4-68 (City of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5,  
Contractor: Bakersfield Well and Pump Co.

Project Description:

Drilling, construction, development, and testing of four water wells.

Changes in Work:

(1)	Grading for Chainlink Fence	\$ 4,900.00
(2)	Chainlink Fence	<u>8,500.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$13,400.00</u>

Description of Changes:

- (1) It will be necessary to grade the existing ground around water well site number 4-65 to properly install the chainlink fence.
- (2) It will be necessary to install an 8' instead of a 6' high chainlink fence around the water well sites to provide adequate security. The contractor will be compensated for additional labor and materials.

The cost for Item 1 and a portion of the cost for Item 2 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The balance of the cost for Item 2 will be based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,063,829.00
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>13,400.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$1,077,229.00</u>

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